

## ABSTRACT

A recording medium reading device is disclosed that allows visual confirmation of receipt of a recording medium, such as a card. The device can be used in a transaction apparatus, to effectively prevent dishonest acts such as stealing a card or retrieving information read from a card. As a result, use of cards and other recording means can be made more secure. The recording medium reading device can include a receiving portion, into which a recording medium is received, conveyance means for conveying the recording medium inside, reading means for reading information recorded on the recording medium, and control means for controlling these elements. At least a portion of the receiving portion is an observation enabling member, through which a recording medium received into the receiving portion can be visually confirmed from outside.